that the war-widows remarrying after 1.1.1996 can continue to draw liberalized family pension provided they continue to support children after remarriage. If, they do not support children after remarriage they are allowed ordinary family pension and balance pension is transferred to children. The revised orders have prospective effect from 1.1.1996.

No further liberalization in this regard is envisaged.

**Small Hydro-electric projects**

*352. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the local people are being involved in the operation and maintenance of the small hydro-electricity projects in different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many MW of electricity is being produced in the small hydro-electricity projects nationally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In 63 decentralized small size hydro-power projects set up in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal and West Bengal local people have been involved in the operation and maintenance of these projects. The State-wise details are as follows:

| Sl.No. | State | No. of Projects | Aggregate Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Arunachal Pradesh | 4 | 20 KW |
| 2. | Bihar | 5 | 50 KW |
| 3. | Himachal Pradesh | 15 | 200 KW |
| 4. | Jammu & Kashmir | 5 | 25 KW |
| 5. | Uttaranchal | 29 | 1792 KW |
| 6. | West Bengal | 5 | 50 KW |

(c) An aggregate capacity of 1461 MW has so far been set up in the country from 438 small hydro power projects.

**Power shortage in the country**

*353. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power deficit in the country, State-wise, during last three years;

(b) the reasons for power shortage in the country;

(c) the additional power generation targeted and achieved during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the steps taken to solve the problem of the power deficit during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) State-wise power supply position in the country during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 is given in the Statement enclosed (*see* below)

(b) The main reasons for shortage of power in the country are:

(i) Growth in demand for power outpacing the growth in generation-low capacity addition during 9th Plan.

(ii) Non-availability of adequate inter-regional tie lines restricting export of power from surplus region to deficit region.

(iii) Inadequate strengthening of sub-transmission and distribution network due to inadequate funding by power utilities.

(iv) Shortage of peaking power in the grid.

(v) Low Plant Load Factor (PLF) of some of the thermal generating units.

(vi) Inadequate inflow into the hydro reservoirs affecting hydel generation.